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The Honorable Kevin K. McAleenan
Acting Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Acting Secretary McAleenan:

Enclosed are questions that have been directed to you and submitted for the official record for the hearing on Thursday, July 18, 2019, with "Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin K. McAleenan"

Please return your written responses to these questions by Thursday, September 26, 2019, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Deputy Clerk, at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member

Questions for The Honorable Kevin K. McAleenan
Acting Secretary
Department of Homeland Security

July 18, 2019, Hearing: "Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin K. McAleenan"

Questions from Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz

1. How many undocumented minors have been apprehended by DHS agents in the interior of the United States (not at the border) and placed into immigration detention with true unaccompanied minors?
 - a. Please provide the number of youth total, their ages, date of apprehension, location of apprehension, and number of days held in detention.
2. What is DHS's policy when encountering undocumented children in the interior United States?
 - a. How are DHS agents trained to determine whether or not a minor is undocumented?
 - b. What is the written policy regarding how DHS agents determine whether or not a minor is undocumented?
 - c. How are DHS agents trained to determine whether or not a minor who is undocumented has a parent or legal guardian in the United States?
 - d. What is the written policy regarding how DHS agents determine whether or not a minor who is undocumented has a parent or legal guardian in the United States?
 - e. How are DHS agents trained to determine whether or not a minor who is undocumented has a parent or legal guardian in the United States who is available to provide care and physical custody?
 - f. What is the written policy regarding how DHS agents determine whether or not a minor who is undocumented has a parent or legal guardian in the United States who is available to provide care and physical custody?
3. How many U.S. citizens ages 17 and younger have been detained by DHS?
 - a. Please provide the number of youth total, their ages, date of apprehension, location of apprehension, and number of days held in detention.

4. How many U.S. citizens ages 18 and older have been detained by DHS?
 - a. Please provide the number of citizens total, as well as their ages, date of apprehension, location of apprehension, and number of days held in detention.

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July 18, 2019, Full Committee Hearing: "Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin K. McAleenan"

Questions from Representative Ro Khanna

Please provide answers to the following four questions:

1. During the hearing, Secretary McAleenan mentioned a few times a statistic that 15% of families (some 200 total) referred for DNA testing under their DNA testing pilot program because they were suspicious were found to be "fraudulent."
 - How many of those "fraudulent" families were related in some way other than parent/child?
 - How many total families could have been referred for DNA testing, but were deemed to be not suspicious under the pilot program (as in, what is the total population of families who crossed in that time frame)?
2. What are agency personnel who are administering the DNA testing telling the adult (assumed parent) about whether the test is "optional," as it's supposed to be?
 - Is it: If you don't take this test, we'll separate you on suspicion of not being family?

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Department of Homeland Security

July 18, 2019 Hearing: “Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan”

Questions from Representative DeSaulnier

1. Can you confirm that all children in federal custody are being evaluated for and provided educational services, per the requirements of Flores?
2. If so, walk me through what a typical “school” day looks like for a child in DHS custody. Who’s providing the instruction? Are they trained educators?
3. What does HHS/DHS oversight look like relative to provision of educational services? How are contractors being held accountable for fulfilling the federal government’s responsibility under Flores?